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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference 10003610WO01
International application No. PCT/JP2004/017042	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/11/2004	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 19/11/2003
Title of invention PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERTING APPARATUS		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative

and ☒ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.

☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

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Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☐ the international application as originally filed

the description ☒ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

☒ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☒ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).

4. ☐ The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.

☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.

☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

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Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | 5 | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | 2 | sheets |
| 6. other (<i>specify</i>) | : | | sheets |

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

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<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has been informed accordingly. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a) and item 7 or 8, below, does not apply. |
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| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82. | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a), the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82. |

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Demand received from IPEA on:

REPLY



To: Examiner of the Patent Office

1. Identification of the International Application

PCT/JP2004/017042

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4. Date of Notification: 08.03.2005

5. Subject Matter of Reply:

Amended claims are filed separately pursuant to Article 34 of PCT. The amended claims have been supported by a disclosure in Embodiments 3 - 5 and in Figs. 5 - 8. In the amended claims, it has been made clear that a photoelectric converting apparatus according to the present invention comprises a pixel comprising a photoelectric

converting element (an amorphous semiconductor), a readout TFT of source follower type, a reset TFT and a selecting TFT; a signal line connected to the pixel, a reading circuit connected to the signal line; and a constant current source provided at a position spaced from the reading circuit rather than the pixel.

It is to be understood, by the above claim amendments could make clear that, according to the present invention, "a constant current source is provided at a position on a signal line spaced from a readout circuit rather than the pixel (on an insulating substrate)", thereby "even though a resistance component is contained in the common signal line, preventing a voltage drop, due to the resistance component, in a signal output read out by a readout circuit 3," as a significant special advantage of the present invention. Please refer to a description of an advantage in the Embodiment 3.

While, referring to the documents cited in an International Search Report, none of the cited documents discloses or suggests the above special feature of the present invention "the constant current source is provided at the position on the signal line spaced from the readout circuit rather than the pixel (on the insulating substrate)". Accordingly, none of the cited documents provides the above described special advantage of the present invention "even though the resistance component is contained in the common signal line, preventing the voltage drop, due to the resistance component, in the signal output read out by the readout circuit 3". In particular, the above described special advantage would be made more significant in case of a two dimensional matrix array of the plurality of pixels since the resistance of the signal lines would be larger in such case.

AMENDMENT

(amendment base upon the provision of Article 11 of said Law)



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4. Item to be amended : Claims

5. Subject Matter of Amendment:

Revise claims 1, 4 to 6, 8-13, 15 and 16 and add new claim 17 as shown in the attached claim sheet, cancel claims 2 and 3, and claims 7 and

14 are unchanged

6. List of Attached Documents :

Replacement sheets of pages 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A photoelectric converting apparatus, on an insulating supporting substrate, comprising:

5 a pixel comprising a photoelectric converting element, a resetting transistor wherein one of a source and a drain is connected to said photoelectric converting element, and the other of the source and the drain is connected to a resetting power source,
10 a readout transistor wherein a gate is connected to said photoelectric converting element and wherein one of a source and a drain is connected to a readout power source, and a selecting transistor connected to the other of the source and the drain of said readout
15 transistor;

a signal line connected to said pixel; and
constant current source connected to said
signal line and,

readout means connected to said signal line,
20 wherein said constant current source is provided at a position on said signal line spaced from said readout means.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

25 4. (Amended) A photoelectric converting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said readout means includes an amplifier connected to said signal

line and an analog multiplexer connected to said amplifier.

5. (Amended) A photoelectric converting apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said analog
5 multiplexer is formed by a thin film transistor constituted of amorphous silicon or polysilicon on the same insulating substrate same as that for said readout transistor.

6. (Amended) A photoelectric converting
10 apparatus according to claim 1 or 5, wherein said constant current source includes a constant current source transistor of which a gate is connected to a power supply for the constant current source.

7. A photoelectric converting apparatus
15 according to claim 6, wherein said power supply for the constant current source provides the gate of said constant current source transistor with a voltage satisfying a relation $V_{ds} > V_{gs} - V_{th}$, in which V_{ds} is a drain-source voltage, V_{gs} is a gate-source
20 voltage and V_{th} is a threshold voltage.

8. (Amended) A photoelectric converting apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 4 to 7, wherein said constant current source includes a constant current source transistor in which a gate
25 and a source are mutually connected.

9. (Amended) A photoelectric converting apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 4 to 8,

wherein said constant current source includes a constant current source transistor in which a gate and a source are connected through a resistor.

10. (Amended) A photoelectric converting
5 apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 4 to 7,
wherein at least one selected from a group consisting
of said resetting transistor, said readout transistor,
said selecting transistor and said constant current
source is formed utilizing an amorphous silicon layer
10 or a polysilicon layer.

11. (Amended) A photoelectric converting
apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 4 to 10,
further comprising a phosphor layer which absorbs a
radiation and emits a light of a wavelength region
15 detectable by said photoelectric converting element.

12. (Amended) A photoelectric converting
apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 4 to 11,
wherein said photoelectric converting element is
constituted of a PIN photodiode or a MIS sensor.

20 13. (Amended) A photoelectric converting
apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 4 to 12,
wherein said photoelectric converting element is a
direct photoelectric converting element which
directly converts a radiation into a charge.

25 14. A photoelectric converting apparatus
according to claim 13, wherein said direct
photoelectric converting element is constituted of a

material selected from a group consisting of amorphous selenium, gallium arsenide, gallium phosphide, lead iodide, mercury iodide, CdTe and CdZnTe.

5 15. (Amended) A photoelectric converting apparatus on an insulating supporting substrate comprising:

 a two-dimensional array of a plurality of pixels each of which includes:

10 a photoelectric converting element;

 a resetting transistor wherein one of a source and a drain is connected to said photoelectric converting element and the other of the source and the drain is connected to a resetting power source;

15 a readout transistor wherein a gate is connected to said photoelectric converting element and one of a source and a drain is connected to a readout power source; and

20 a selecting transistor connected the other of the source and the drain of said readout transistor;

 a plurality of common signal lines connected to said plural pixels; and

 a constant current source connected to said common signal lines,

25 wherein readout means is further connected to said common signal line is further provided, and

 said constant current source is provided at a

position on said common signal line spaced from said readout means rather than said plurality of pixels.

16. (Amended) An X-ray image pickup system comprising a photoelectric converting apparatus
5 according to any one of claims 1 or 17, an X-ray generating apparatus and control means;

wherein said control means controls functions of the X-ray generating apparatus and the photoelectric converting apparatus thereby reading an
10 X-ray image transmitted through an object.

17. (New) A photoelectric converting apparatus according to claim 15, wherein

said readout means includes an amplifier connected to said common signal line, and an analog
15 multiplexer connected to said amplifier.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)
(PCT Rule 71.1)



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Applicant's or agent's file reference
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/JP2004/017042

International filing date (day/month/year)
10.11.2004

Priority date (day/month/year)
19.11.2003

Applicant

CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary report on patentability and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. **REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

The applicant's attention is drawn to Article 33(5), which provides that the criteria of novelty, inventive step and Industrial applicability described in Article 33(2) to (4) merely serve the purposes of international preliminary examination and that "any Contracting State may apply additional or different criteria for the purposes of deciding whether, in that State, the claimed invention is patentable or not" (see also Article 27(5)). Such additional criteria may relate, for example, to exemptions from patentability, requirements for enabling disclosure, clarity and support for the claims.

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ATTENTIONS

1. Demand for copy of documents

Copy of the documents described in the international preliminary examination report and not described in the international search report.

An applicant can request the copy of these cited documents to the Japan Patent Office, however, National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (Japan Patent Office building 2nd floor) handles inspection and copying of official gazettes and copying of other document etc.

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[Application Method]

(1) As for Patent (Utility Model, Design) Gazette, the following points shall be defined clearly.

- ☐ Types of patent, utility model, and design
- ☐ Fiscal year and number of publication of application or publication of unexamined application (or patent number, registration number)
- ☐ Necessary number of paper sheets

(2) As for documents except for the gazette, the following points are required attention.

- ☐ Be sure to attach the copy of the international preliminary examination report (which shall be returned).

[Application and Reference]

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Note) The period for requesting the copy of the documents to Japanese Patent Office is set to 7 years from the international application date.

2. It is necessary to submit the copy of international application (except for cases of already transmitted from the International Bureau) and its prescribed translation, and to pay the national fee. Respective countries set different periods so as to be required attention. (See Treaty Article 22, Article 39, and Article 64 (2) (a) (i))

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



Applicant's or agent's file reference 10003610W001	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416
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Applicant CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA		

1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3.	This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a total of <u>5</u> sheets, as follows: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> b. <input type="checkbox"/> a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions). </div>
4.	This report contains indications relating to the following items: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application </div>

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/017042

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-26 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- Nos. 7, 14 as originally filed/furnished
- Nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- Nos.* 1, 4-6, 8-13, 15-17 received by this Authority on 20.09.2005
- Nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets/figs 1-18 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets/figs* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets/figs* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 2-3
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application

☒ claims Nos. 1-17

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. _____
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 1-17

☐ a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the sequence listing; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit:

☐ furnish a sequence listing on paper complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

☐ furnish a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

☐ pay the required late furnishing fee for the furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under Rules 13ter.1(a) or (b) and 13ter.2.

☐ a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the tables related to the sequence listings; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit, furnish such tables in electronic form complying with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions, and such tables were not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in electronic form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.